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REMARKS

The applicants would like to thank Examiner Barrett for bringing it to their attention that, in the response dated 27 January 2003, the applicants inadvertently submitted an erroneous new claim 12. This paper is being submitted in response to Examiner Barrett's phone call to the applicants' attorney.

In the response dated 27 January 2003, new claim 12 should have appeared:

12. A modular humeral head for replacement of the humeral head of a humerus, comprising:

a head for positioning in a glenoid cavity, the head having, on one side, a generally spherical surface formed about an axis and, on the other side, a generally flat face bounding the spherical surface;

a bore formed in the flat head face, the bore including an axis which is non-coaxial with the axis of the head;

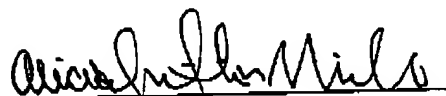
a connecting member for connecting the head to a stem of a humeral prosthesis, the connecting member having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion configured for insertion into the bore of the head, insertion of the first portion into the bore of the head achieving a first degree of eccentricity, the second portion being non-coaxial with and extending from the first portion, wherein the first portion of the connecting member is configured for rotatable insertion in the axial bore of the humeral head to enable adjustment of the second portion of the connecting member with respect to the axis of the spherical portion, thereby providing a second degree of eccentricity; and

a locking member for locking the connecting member non-rotatably within the bore.

It is not believed that any fees are required to enter this paper. However, if any additional fee is required, the applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge our deposit account, Deposit Account No. 061910. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be materially advanced by a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome a call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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